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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 608  
By Lewis

A RESOLUTION to congratulate Mrs. Alice D. Bailey of Tullahoma on being named "Ms. Democrat" by the Highland Rim Democratic Club.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate for this General Assembly to commend those individuals who bring enthusiasm to the political processes of their communities; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Alice D. Bailey of Tullahoma is one such dedicated local political activist, who throughout her adult life has recognized the importance of, and has participated in, the political processes of her community and state; and

WHEREAS, Alice D. Bailey is an important part of her community, as she serves the Democratic Party and the people of Coffee County in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Bailey has provided invaluable service to many political organizations including the Highland Rim Democratic Club and the Coffee County Democratic Executive Committee; and

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WHEREAS, Alice D. Bailey has been exceptionally active in securing the representation of women in the Democratic Party; she is a Charter Member of the Coffee County Democratic Women, and has served two terms as President of the organization; and

WHEREAS, she also served with great diligence and probity as the secretary of the Coffee County Democratic Women's Executive Committee; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Bailey is a dedicated member of the Tennessee Federation of Democratic Women and attends state conventions and board meetings on a regular basis; and

WHEREAS, Alice D. Bailey's exemplary record of political activism includes her commitment to state, county, and city level campaigns; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Bailey has received numerous accolades for her service to her Party including the 1999 Star of the Year Award of Achievement from the Tennessee Federation of Democratic Women and various other distinctions for her participation and commitment to the Democratic Party; and

WHEREAS, a native of Tullahoma, Mrs. Bailey was first in her graduating class at Motlow Community College and earned her Bachelor of Science, Master of Education, and Education Specialist Degree from Middle Tennessee State University; and

WHEREAS, Alice D. Bailey served as an educator at Robert E. Lee, Farrar, and East Lincoln Elementary Schools, retiring after 24 years of outstanding service to children; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Bailey served her position with integrity and excellence and earned the respect and admiration of her students, their parents and her peers; and

WHEREAS, although she is retired, Mrs. Bailey continues to remain active through her participation in educational organizations such as: the United Teaching Profession, Tullahoma City Education Association and its executive board, and the Middle Tennessee Retired Teachers Association; and

WHEREAS, Alice D. Bailey is an important part of her community; she participates in numerous organizations, including the Historic Preservation Society of Tullahoma, the American Legion Auxiliary, and the Bethany Good-Neighbors Club; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Bailey is a former member of the Business and Professional Women of Tullahoma, and was honored by that group with the Woman of Achievement Award; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Bailey displays her deep religious convictions through active membership and service with the Gospel Tabernacle Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, Alice D. Bailey has been fortunate to share love and companionship with her devoted spouse, Bill Barton; and

WHEREAS, she is the proud and loving mother of two daughters, Joy Dunne and Gaye Smith, and three grandsons; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Bailey's sterling record of unstinting dedication and support of her Party and her community and her ongoing commitment to the welfare of her fellow human beings are worthy of commendation; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we congratulate Alice D. Bailey of Tullahoma upon being named "Ms. Democrat" by the Highland Rim Democratic Club, thank her for her commitment to a vital political life for all Tennesseans, and wish her every success in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.